

October 1, 1953

Oliver Simonson

Funeral services for Oliver Simonson, 63, were held Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23, 1953, in the First English Lutheran church, with the Rev. George Anderson officiating. A quartet, Mrs. John Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Windh and Maurice Olson, accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Iverson, sang. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were all nephews of the deceased, Donald and Jack Simonson, Turton; Dana Craig, Crandall; James Craig, Aberdeen; Darrell Simonson, North Bend, Wash., and Louis Kraft, Aberdeen.

Mr. Simonson was born May 23, 1890, in Minneapolis. He grew to manhood in Glenwood City, Wis. In the year of 1912 he came to South Dakota and engaged in farming. On July 15, 1913, he married his childhood sweetheart, Miss Alice Brown of Glenwood City, at Aberdeen. The couple farmed in the Groton vicinity until the year of 1927, when they moved to Groton, where they had made their home since. Mr. Simonson was salesman for a number of years for the Aberdeen Monument Co. The departed was also a member of the First English Lutheran church.

Mr. Simonson suffered a severe stroke about two years ago from which he never fully recovered and was confined to a wheel chair since. Although he was not able to get about he remained his own cheerful self, never complaining and took a keen interest in his radio and other diversions. His favorite pastime was to wave a greeting to every passerby from his home front window. On Sunday he was stricken with a fatal heart attack and was rushed to the Webster hospital, but succumbed shortly after reaching there. The community extends sincere sympathy to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Survivors besides his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Arne Gulbranson, Rapid City, and Mrs. Art. Totzke, Groton; a son, Orville Simonson, in the navy; two grandchildren, Michael and Joanne Gulbranson; three brothers, Theodore, of Turton; Walter, of Seattle, Wash., and Harry, of Haxtum, Colo.; four sisters, Mrs. Ray Dickey, Raymond, Wash.; Mrs. Sue Armstrong, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Roy Wahl, Columbia, and Mrs. B. Craig, Groton.